the Limbs Are Straightened Out-Read

"Have you ever noticed any striking pe-culiarities about the way people cross their knees?" asked a reporter of an old Denverite who has seen a deal of the world at home

ing the Morning Paper.

"Yes, indeed," laughed the portly gentle-man of many experiences. "I have often studied the phase, both in men and women, but it never occurred to me that any one but it never occurred to me that any one elso was struck with it. About the first in stance I remember occurred when I was a boy at home in my father's house. One of my very pretty sisters had two admirersone of them she encouraged because she returned his sentiment, and the other she was the son of an old friend of the family.

"Well, those young menused to happen in on the same evening, and then it was a the between them as to who should outstay the other. The son of an old friend naturally

The son of an old friend naturally was the ridiculous object in this proceeding, but he stayed with a degree of persist ency worthy of a better cause. I used to tell my sister that his mute way of crossing his legs had a language all its own. When he entered the bouse, only to find the other fellow, as he always did, he invariably wriggled about for a little time, apparently undecided as to whether to stay or not; but his inclination always conquered his judg-ment, and when he leaned back in his chair and deliberately crossed his legs, we knew that he meant to stay.

"When it began to grow late he would mechanically uncross his legs, but only to cross them directly, if he couldn't possibly make up his mind to go. Finally, when the clock struck a late hour, he would slowly (it even seemed painfully) uncross his legs, place both feet on the floor, and begin to button his coat with a manner that savored of despair. These motions never failed; they were gone through as regularly as he AS HIS THOUGHTS REVOLVED. they were gone through as regularly as he came to the house, and they were the most expressive 'language of the lega' that I have ever som. The way the fellow crossed and uncrossed his legs showed all the inner workings of his heart. His legs were the thermometers of his passion, and they never on e failed in performing their office."

"You don't for an instant suppose he

knew what he was doing?" "Certainly not. Crossing and uncrossing his legs as his thoughs revolved through his mind was as instinctive with him as breathing. His unconsciousness of what he was doing was just what made it so interesing

"At what times do you thing men generally cross their legs most?"
"Why, at those times when there is the

least pressure on their minds, certainly. You will never find a man actually engaged in business with his legs crossed. The limbs at those times are straighter than at any other, because the mind and body work together and there is no giving way of either function to relaxation. A man engaged in auditing accounts will never cross his legs; neither will a man who is writing an article, or who is employed in any manner where his brain is actively engaged; when at work in a sitting posture, the limbs naturally extend to the floor in a perfectly straight line.

WHEN HE ORIS IN EARNEST. "A man may cross his legs if he is sitting in an office-chair discussing some business proposition with another man, but the instant he becomes really in earnest and perceives something to be gained his limbs uncross as quick as a flash, he bends for ward toward his neighbor and begins to use his hands. That is a phase that I believe you will always observe."
"Men often cross their

meetings, do they not?"
"Certainly they do, because they go there to listen or to be entertained; they are not the factors in the performance, and they naturally place themselves in the most comfortable position known to them—namely, that of leaning well back in their chairs and crossing their legs. A man always cross is legs when he reads a newspaper, but is more apt to le down when he reads a book. He reads at the paper, of course, to inform him elf, but at the same time the perusal of the contents is represented by its contents is recreation to him, and his

body seeks its position of relaxation.

"When a man is reading a newspaper and waiting for his breakfast his legs are always." waiting for his breakfast his legs are always crossed, but as soon as his breakfast is brought to him he puts the paper aside, straightens out his legs and goes to work; that is, begins to eat, his mind now turning on the duties of the day before-him. When I said men lay down to read books, I knew where of I spoke. There are more men who read themselves to elsep nowadays than you imagine. It is not quite apropos of the subject, but you see, book-reading always requires more time, and a man with an hour to spare naturally throws himself down on a lounge, and if he has any literary taste takes up a book and devours its contents as takes up a book and devours its contents as He either does this or sticks his feet on a table when he reads, and you know the German students have their slippers nailed to the wall so that their feet may reach them as soon as they sit down."—Den-

The Sphinx of North Carolina. A correspondent writes to The Star, of Washington, that in North Carolina there is a mountain formation very closely re-sembling the Sphinx. It is called the "Pilot Knob," and is in Surrey county, in the northwestern part of the state, just east of the Blue Ridge; its position prone on the Fiedment plain, like a gigantic lion; its body at right angles to the precipitous ridge, and with head reared aloft, as if in the act of rising. The head is of solid rock several hundred feet in height. The shoulders and breast are finely proportioned, and at the distance of a few miles it looks like a thing of life and intelligence. It rises about 1,500 feet above the plain. It is seen at the distance of lifty miles; but as yet no railroad approaches it nearer than twenty miles.—Exchange.

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